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INTRODUCTION OF NEW COURSES OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission has introduced a new course in colleges across the country on environmental studies as reported by the Hindu dated 10.6.2004.

(b) if so, whether any study has been conducted to assess the success of this new course;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the faculty text books and infrastructure are available for implementation of this course; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI):

(a) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), pursuant to the directions of the Hon`ble Supreme Court, the UGC has framed and circulated a Six Months` Core Module Syllabus for Environmental Studies for UG courses which is to be compulsorily implemented in all disciplines in all the universities/institutes of India.

(b) and (c) The UGC is receiving feedback from the Universities/Institutes on the syllabus circulated to them. Necessary action to access the success of the introduction of this course will be taken on receipt of the feedback from all the Universities/Institutes.

(d) and (e) Universities/Institutes are implementing the course with the existing infrastructure available to them. However, regarding Text Books the UGC is supplying course materials to all Universities/Institutes. Apart from this, the UGC has incorporated the component of the environment education in the module syllabi of various subjects already circulated to the Universities.